

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Fourcault *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/614,496

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Group Art Unit: 3733

Examiner: Davis, Daniel J.

TKHR Ref: 080350.1100

For: **A SELF-BORING AND SELF-TAPPING SCREW FOR OSTEOSYNTHESIS
AND COMPRESSION**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The FINAL Office Action dated August 2, 2006 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, Applicants hereby submit following amendments and remarks and the enclosed petition for a 3 month extension of time. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.